



GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Department of Revenue and Forest, Disaster Management,
Relief and Rehabilitation, Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032
No: DMU/2020/CR. 92/DisM-1, Dated: 21st December, 2020

ORDER

Easing of Restrictions and Phase-wise opening of Lockdown. (MISSION BEGIN AGAIN)

Reference:

- 1) The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.
- 2) The Disaster Management Act, 2005
- 3) Revenue and Forest. Disaster Management. Relief and Rehabilitation Department Order No. DMU-2020/C.R.92/DMU-1, dated 2nd May 2020, 3rd May 2020, 5th May 2020, 11th May 2020, 15th May 2020, 17th May 2020, 19th May 2020, 21st May 2020, 31st May 2020, 4th June 2020, 25th June 2020, 29th June 2020, 6th July 2020, 7th July 2020, 29th July 2020, 4th August 2020, 19th August 2020, 31st August 2020, 30th September 2020, 14th October 2020, 23rd October 2020, 29th October 2020, 3rd November 2020, 14th November 2020, 23rd November 2020, 27th November 2020.
- 4) Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order No. 40-3/2020-PM-1 (A) Dated 1st May 2020, 11th May 2020, 17th May 2020, 20th May 2020, 30th May 2020, 29th June 2020, 29th July 2020, 29th August 2020, 30th September 2020, 27th October 2020 and 25th November 2020.

In continuation to the Order No.DMU-2020/C.R. 92/DMU- 1, dated 30th September, 2020 and 14th October, 2020 (extended by order dated 29th October, 2020 and 27th November, 2020) of the State Government and in exercise of the powers, conferred under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee, hereby issues orders to *include* the SOP as attached herewith as **ANNEXURE-A** for the passengers arriving from Europe, South Africa and Middle-East countries and flights coming through the airports of these countries with immediate effect, after careful consideration of planning of containment areas and availability of health infrastructure, for the strict implementation by the concerned authorities of all the departments in the State of Maharashtra.

Further all norms of social distancing and precaution to prevent Covid-19 as prescribed in above referred orders shall be followed.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF MAHARASHTRA



(SANJAY KUMAR)
CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

Copy to:

1. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
2. Hon'ble Chairman, Maharashtra Legislative Council.
3. Hon'ble Speaker, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.
4. Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra.
5. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra,
6. Secretary to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra,
7. The Chairman, Airport Authority of India.
8. Director General of Civil Aviation, New Delhi
9. Private Secretary to Leader of Opposition, Legislative Council / Assembly,
10. Private Secretaries of All Hon'ble Minister/Minister of State, Mantralaya,
11. All Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries / Secretaries of Government of Maharashtra.
12. Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
13. Director General of Police, Maharashtra State, Mumbai,
14. Principal Secretary, Public Health Department, Mantralaya,
15. Secretary, Medical Education, Mantralaya,
16. All Divisional Commissioners in the State
17. All Commissioners of Police in the State
18. All Commissioners of Municipal Corporations in the State
19. All District Collectors
20. All Chief Executive Officers, Zilla Parishad
21. All District Superintendents of Police in the State

ANNEXURE - A

(MISSION BEGIN AGAIN: Department of Revenue and Forest, Disaster Management, Relief and Rehabilitation, Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032, No: DMU/2020/CR. 92/DisM-1, Dated: 21st December, 2020)

Standard Operating Protocol for passengers coming via flights from Europe, South Africa and Middle-East

Sudden emergence of a fast-spreading variant of COVID-19 in UK, believed to be up to 70% more transmissible than the original strain is a cause of concern. It has been reported that a distinct Phylogenetic cluster of SARs-CoV-2 (named lineage B.1.1.7) has been detected. In view of this, Government of Maharashtra, has formulated following Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) which will come into effect immediately.

1. This SOP shall apply for Passengers and flight/ airline staff -flights arriving from Europe, Middle-East Countries and South Africa and arriving in Maharashtra.
2. All the Airports and Seaports should be alerted to the possible threat of the spread of new strain of corona virus.
3. An area at the far end of the airport terminal should be identified and prepared for receiving these flights
4. The area should be large enough to receive the daily flights coming from areas of concern.
5. The designated area should have adequate air-bridges, so as to receive the flights in a staggered manner, to avoid overcrowding.
6. The designated area should have adequate separate, immigration, luggage and custom centers / areas for managing these flight passengers.
7. There should be a separate set up of APHO for screening and testing of these passengers and staff.
8. The staff of the aircraft should be kept in an isolated area following the necessary preventive measures. They should not be allowed to enter the terminal.
9. The ground level airport staff coming in contact with them should be minimal and follow all the Personal protective measures and all sanitary measures.
10. The ground level staff working in the designated area, at which the above-mentioned flights land, should put on PPE throughout their duty.
11. The Disinfection of the area should be strictly monitored.
12. Preventive measures at all the airport terminals should be further strengthened. Regular monitoring of the process and feedback is very important till the presence of the threat of new strain of Corona virus.

13. The airport/ airline staff should ensure that the passengers disembarking from the above-mentioned flights are wearing proper fitted mask, have sanitized the visible part of their hands thoroughly. In case any passenger is not wearing mask, it should be provided to them.
14. It should be strictly ensured that at all times, the staff and the passengers follow respiratory hygiene, Hand hygiene and social distancing.
15. The flow of passengers in the airport premises, should be such that they should not in any way (not even by mistake) get mixed with the passengers coming from other flights or other staff.
16. The immigration of the passengers should be done in that defined restricted area only.
17. The passengers will be taken by this specially assigned staff to the separate screening center set up by the APHO (which is within the defined restricted area). In this center, relevant information will be taken from the passengers in a more detailed format.
18. All passengers will be screened for presence of symptoms and if found symptomatic shall be subjected to RT-PCR sample testing with all the necessary precautions. These symptomatic passengers shall be sent to identified hospital in the city and get admitted and should be treated accordingly.
19. All other passengers shall undergo 14 days of mandatory paid Institutional Quarantine at arrival city. These passengers shall NOT BE ALLOWED outside the designated quarantine facility before 14 days, in any condition.
20. Municipal Commissioner of the city where Airport is located shall identify different category hotels as 'Institutional Quarantine' facility and shall also earmark a dedicated health care facility for identified suspects. He shall also appoint a Nodal Officer to see implementation of these SOPs.
21. All passengers should complete 14 days of Quarantine and should be RTPCR negative before discharge.

Guidelines to be followed during transportation of the passengers from these flights

- 1) The passengers will be transported along with their luggage to designated hotel for institutional quarantine. Paid transport shall be arranged by the Nodal Officer with the help of RTO.
- 2) Dedicated Transportation arrangement for these passengers should be made with availability of transportation vehicles and trained staff.

Guidelines to be followed at the place of stay:

1. The Quarantine facilities where these passengers will stay should strictly follow all the guidelines so that there should not be any intermingling of the passengers within the facility.
2. The passengers shall be monitored daily for development of any symptoms through Aarogya Setu App or by health team.
3. In case any passenger develops symptoms of COVID 19, he/she should be shifted to a specially designated hospital for treating the new strain of virus.
4. Also, if any passenger tests positive on RT-PCR, he/she should be considered to be infected with the new strain and should be immediately shifted to the designated hospital for further management

The Nodal Officer shall be overall Incharge of implementation of SOPs and responsible for coordination with Airport Authorities, Health Authorities, Hotel, Transport Authorities for smooth implementation of Guidelines.

**** Most important: All these activities should be done very aptly without raising any panic, or any differential behavior towards the passengers. Utmost care should be taken toward increasing the awareness of the passengers and the airport staff to the new threat. The psychological aspect of the situation should be managed very diligently so as to improve the compliance of the staff and the passengers toward following the guidelines.**

***** NO ONE FROM THESE FLIGHTS WILL GO FOR HOME QUARANTINE**

